

# NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD

## Minutes of Meeting

March 11, 2005

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### Attendance:

**Robert Clegg, Chairman, Department of Safety**

Tyler Carlisle, Board of Engineers, licensed electrical engineer

James Petersen, PE, Board of Engineers, licensed mechanical engineer

Michael Santa, CBO, Governor's Commission on Disability, Architectural barrier/free design

Wayne A. Richardson, NH Building Officials Association, municipal building official

Tedd Evans, Board for licensing and regulation of plumbers, licensed master plumber

George Maihos, NH Electricians Board, licenses master electrician

Thomas S Lambert, Chief, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, Municipal Fire

Mark Weissflog, NH Electrical Contractors Business Assoc., licensed master electrician

Rick Swain, NH Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Assoc., mechanical contractor, business

Fred Baybutt, Associated General Contractors,

building contractor - non-residential buildings

Med Kopczynski, NH Municipal Association

Mark Tibbetts, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, municipal volunteer fire chief

### Excused:

Wes Golomb, Public Utilities Commission, State energy conservation code office

John Tuttle, NH Home Builders Association, Architectural designer - residential

Joel Fisher, Board of Engineers, licensed structural engineer

Jerry Tepe, Board of Architects, licensed architect

### Absent:

Not a one!

### Guests:

Marta Modigliani, Attorney, Department of Safety, Office of the Commissioner

Chairman Clegg declared there was a quorum in attendance, and called the meeting to order.

### **GENERAL HEARING:**

Adoption of meeting minutes from February 11, 2005

Mark Weissflog made the **Motion** to adopt the minutes of the February 11, 2005 meeting as is. **Motion** was **seconded** by Rick Swain. Vote taken was unanimous and declared as such.

Chairman Clegg introduced our newest Board member, Mark Tibbetts, and the Board members welcomed him.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Web-site presentation

Margaret McQueeney did a presentation to the Board. Margaret explained that what she was showing was only a sample and anything can be changed. As the Legislature approves amendments they will be noted as such on the site. Tedd Evans suggested that the history of changes made to the Codes be kept in case it's needed.

### 2005 NEC Adoption of amendments - report of sub-committee

Tyler Carlisle reported for the sub-committee. The 1984 changes to the NEC was approximately 3/8 of an inch. The 2005 changes are approximately 2 inches thick. Chairman Clegg asked George Maihos if the Electrician's Board had anything to say on this. He said that they were happy with the changes and hopes it goes forward. Mark Weissflog also said that the Electrical Contractors Business Association supports the adoption of the amendments. Chairman Clegg asked for a vote. Vote taken was **Unanimous**.

**Motion** was made by George Maihos to **Reconsider** the **Motion**. **Motion** was duly **Seconded**. Vote taken was **Unanimous**.

Tyler Carlisle made the **Motion** that the State Building Code Review Board adopt the 2005 National Electrical Code, with no amendments, as of July 1, 2005. George Maihos **Seconded** the **Motion**. The Chair asked for any discussion. There being none took the vote. Vote taken was **Unanimous**.

### Smart Codes - report of sub-committee

Mike Santa reported that they met this morning, and they are going to try and meet again before the next Board meeting. Appendix A may need to be adopted along with the Code, if we go that route, so he is requesting that a structural engineer be assigned to this sub-committee. Chairman Clegg appointed Joel Fisher to the sub-committee. Med Kopczynski asked if it was the intent that the existing building code be adopted in lieu of Chapter 34? Mike stated that that was one of the changes to the Code the Smart Codes Committee was correlating to include it as part of the Code. You would not have to go back and forth between the 2 documents. The sub-committee will report again at the next Board meeting in April.

### Exhibit 14.1

Tedd Evans reported that Jerry Tepe asked him to present this. Basically these would eliminate references to Codes that were not adopted. And some of the 'fill in the blank' amendments.

Mike Santa made the **Motion** to hold a **Public Hearing**, waiving any Rule requirements. Tyler Carlisle **Seconded** the **Motion**. There being no further discussion - vote was taken. Vote was **Unanimous**. **A Public Hearing will be held at the next Board Meeting.**

## NEW BUSINESS:

Letter from Barbara Chalmers 2/14/05 re: Plumbing fixture count in schools

Fred Baybutt said that he is not in favor of amending. Mike asked if this was related to Mr. Murdough's letter and if its connected.

Photos (or not) of Board members for State Building Code Review Board website  
Chairman Clegg said he has no opinion one way of the other. Board members voted **Unanimously** not to include photos on the website for the Board.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

State Building Code website write-up / history/ qualifications of Board members  
Everyone will get their brief bio's /write-ups into Evvy. Tedd Evans volunteered to edit them. Med said they should be all limited to a paragraph.

Med Kopczynski stated that at some later date - this Board needs to talk about townhouses in light of the IBC and IRC. Not sure if the exemptions for townhouses are correct. He will put it on as an agenda item for next month.

Marta wanted the Board members to be aware that the Fire Marshal was bringing some items for the Board to discuss. Also, the Appeals Board Process Rules are going to be addressed by the Joint Legislative Committee on Legislative Rules - next Friday. Staff Council, Scott Eaton has reviewed them and has objections. Chairman Clegg will attend with Marta.

Tedd Evans asked about a Bill status that was in Session that would put responsibility on this Board to come up with standards for home inspections/home inspectors. Chairman Clegg said he is fighting not to get it passed.

Chairman Clegg informed the Board of another Bill where any contractors who do State work, they would be required to send all employees for an OSHA course. The Bill has gone to Finance. And another Bill is out there, which would require the licensing of all contractors, and along with that, fee increases. Complaints would be heard by the Dept of Justice (Attorney Generals).

Bill Degnan, the State Fire Marshal, addressed the Board. Three separate requests were received regarding stairs, ramps and guards in the Life Safety Code and they are looking to get the Code amended to 36 inches for the guards and hand rail on one side and the stair configuration to allow the 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Changes to the State Fire Code will be done through this Board at a Public Hearing. Med Kopczynski stated that these proposed amendments really are important. Tedd Evans made the **Motion** to hold a **Public Hearing**, waiving any Rule requirements. Rick Swain **Seconded** the **Motion**. There being no further discussion - vote was taken. Vote was **Unanimous**. **A Public Hearing will be held at the next Board Meeting.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Med Kopczynski made the **Motion** to adjourn. Motion was **Seconded** by Rick Swain. Vote taken was **Unanimous**. Chairman Clegg declared the meeting adjourned.